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Contact Report

Persuant to critic ~~allegations~~ publications and specific ~~statements~~ allegations by former CIA employee James Wilcott that LHO was a CIA agent, Staff Investigator Harold A Leap, interviewed the following CIA personnel to determine if there ~~were~~ is ~~existing~~ corroboration for ~~to~~ Wilcott's statements ~~or had personal knowledge~~ relating to the Oswald CIA agent issue.

1. Robert P Wheeler, DOB 4 Oct 15, SSN 258-12-0844. 6600 Melwood Rd, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone no. 229-6368. 13-3 Position, with CIA, was Deputy Chief [of Station, Tokyo, Japan], June to ~~Sept~~ 64. Interviewed at CIA Hdqs 4-13-78 Subject is retired

2. Leo Rosenbaum, DOB 2 Dec 23, SSN 122-14-222 1815 Opalocka Dr., McLean, VA, telephone no 356-5283. Position with CIA for the period Jun 60 ~~May 58 to July~~ 64 was chief of Counter Intelligence, SR Branch, 13-3 [Tokyo Japan]. Interviewed CIA Hdqs 4-10-78. Subject is retired

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3. 03 [Hope Irene Mason], DOB 24 May 33. SSN [018-26-3500] Subject presently employed at CIA Hdqs and has cover. 03 [Mason's] position with the CIA in 1963 at 13-3 [Tokyo, Japan] was Intelligence assistant for the SE Section. Interviewed at CIA Hdqs on 4-7-78 (Jun 61 to Jun 63)

4. Frederick C. Randall, DOB 28 Oct 26, SSN 508-20-4068, Presently employed at CIA Hdqs and has cover. Randall position with the CIA in Sept 61 13-3b Aug 65 was Chief of Registry at the [Tokyo Station] Interviewed at CIA Hdqs on ______.

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5. James S Wood, DOB 20 Feb 28, SSN ______ presently employed at CIA Hqs. Wood's 13-3 position from ~~Apr~~ to ~~Jan 60~~ at [Tokyo Station] as finance officer. Subject interviewed at CIA Hqs on 3-31-78.

6. George James von Bretzel DOB 12 Dec 21 SSN 074-18-5912, 14801 Springfield Rd Germantown Md, telephone 9~~3~~16-6908. Former CIA case officers, [Tokyo, Japan] ~~f~~ SRB from ~~July~~ Aug 63 to July 67 - presently retired, interviewed 4-10-78. ~~interviewed~~

7. Howard M. Orr, DOB 22 Jul 22, SSN 275 12 4377, address 8405 Weller Ave, McLean Va, telephone 893-3325, presently retired. Positions with CIA, HDQS 59-61 (SR Div) 13-3 [Tokyo] Aug 61-Nov 63 (Case Officer SB.), nov 63 HDQS, SR DIV, desk officer for 13-3 [Japan]. interviewed 4-11-78

8. George A Fill, DOB 29 May 21 SSN address 27 Bay Tree, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29582, telephone # 803-249-3193. Presently retired. Fill was chief of the Soviet Branch at the 13-3 [Tokyo Station] from June 1960 to June 1965 interviewed 4-29-78

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9. Robert N. Keith, DOB 11 Aug 27, SSN 257-28-6051, address 3011 Glenway Dr. Sanford, Fla. 32771. telephone 305-323-7434 former CIA case officer at [13-3 Tokyo Station], SR Br. ~~Jan 59~~ - to Oct 63, interviewed 4-30-78

10. Jerome E. Fox, DOB 9 Oct ~~18~~, SSN 102-22-915 address 3663 NW 21 st, Miami, Fla. telephone 305-634-2997, former CIA intelligence analysis at [13-3 Tokyo station] from Jul 1959 to Dec 962, worked in program involving military intelligence. interviewed 5-1-78

11. William V. Broe, DOB 24 Aug 13, SSN 032 01 816, address 111 Indian Trails, Scituate, Mass telephone 617-545-6113. former ~~COS~~ CIA [27 13-3 COS Tokyo, Japan] from 1961 to 1965 interviewed 5-15-78

12. William Crawford, DOB 19 Sept 24, SSN 429-26-4954 address 4944 Cass St, Apt 806 San Diego, Ca. 92109 telephone 714-272-2770 former CIA executive officer at Atsugi air base in Charge of the U-2 program. (Details of interview conducted 5-14-78 submitted in separate report).

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CIA employees

The above ~~individuals~~ were selected for interview because of the position they held ~~at the time~~ with the CIA at the [Tokyo station] 13-3 during the time ~~period~~ frame of 1959 to 1964.

James Wilcott ~~made~~ gave testimony in a closed hearing before the SCA that a CIA case officer ~~told him~~ stationed in [Tokyo, Japan] 13-3 told him that LHO was a CIA agent and ~~gave~~ also mentioned LHO's crypto ~~nym~~. The conversation ~~took~~ took place in the [Tokyo station] 13-3 shortly after the word of the JFK assassination was received on 23 Nov 63. Wilcott ~~also stated that~~ could not recall the name of the case officer or the cryptonym. Wilcott also advised that considerable conversation took place among CIA employee's in [Tokyo] 13-3 at the time concerning the Oswald-CIA agent issue.

The basic questions asked of the CIA employee selected were as follows

(a) Have you ever seen written documents which would indicate that LHO was a ~~CIA~~ intelligence agent or a source of information?

(b) ~~Have~~ Were you ever ~~heard~~ advised orally that LHO was an agent?

(c) Have you ever heard conversation or heard, ~~speculation~~ conversational that LHO was a CIA agent or intelligence source for any government ~~agen~~ service?

(d) Were you in a position to know if LHO was recruited as a~~n~~ CIA agent during his tour of duty with the military in Japan.

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(2) When was the first time you ever heard the allegation that LHO ~~was possibly~~ may have been a CIA agent.

(4) Did you know James & Elsie Wilcott in [Japan?] 13-3

~~None of~~ the ~~other~~ all individuals interviewed stated they never saw any documents nor heard any information that LHO was a CIA agent while stationed in Tokyo. Only after ~~their departure the~~ critic publication and the Garrison investigation in the late 60s were they ~~aware~~ aware of the ~~published~~ allegation.

Subjects 2, 7 & 8 expressed belief that LHO ~~could~~ may have been recruited by the KGB during his tour of duty in Japan. They based their belief on the fact that during the period of time that LHO was in Japan, the CIA [Station] 13-3 in [Tokyo] 13-3 had identified a KGB program specifically ~~double directed~~ designed to recruit U.S. military personnel in Tokyo. However they had no information that the recruitment of LHO by the KGB did in fact take place.

Subject Jerome E. Fox was ~~specifically~~ one person who Wilcot could remember ~~with~~ who he had conversation ~~with~~ concerning the speculation that LHO was an agent for the CIA. The conversation supposedly took place in [13-3 Japan] after the information was received that LHO was the assassin of JFK. Fox advised investigator Leap that he was in the U.S at the time of Assassination on 23 Nov 63. Fox's CIA personnel reflected he was transfered from the [13-3 Tokyo station] to the U.S in 1962.

Subjects 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11 all thought they would have known if LHO have been ~~rec~~ recruited as a CIA agent while he was in Japan. All the subjects worked with in the SR Branch of the [13-3 Toykio Station] and theoretically ~~would have~~ one of them would have handled or had knowledge of the recruitment. All thought if Oswald have been recruited with out their knowledge it would have been a rare exception to the working policy and guidlines of the [13-3 station].

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Escort – John Sullivan – SECRET – reviewed by
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Wilcott, James Bernard, Jr. Security file

sealed FBI – 100-452761
May 9 1969 – SDS
Security Matter – Students for a Democratic Society –

McGarraghy – nothing concerning the issue.

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Polygraphically interviewed by James Kyle of ISD
Results – favorable in the area of morals, loyalty, and associates etc, and there were no evidences of deception. Subject considered a very naive man.

Memo 29 Sept 65 by Daniel A Cullen

FBI informed that the problem has been resolved.

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Wilcott, James B. JR.
~~09-15-63~~ DOB 09-27-31

Personnel file

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DDP/FE, FOREIGN FIELD, [FE/JKO] 18-3
[TOKYO STATION] 13-3 SUPPORT STAFF
POSITION - FISCAL ACCT ASST

FITNESS REPORT 26APR65 - 15APR66
"Subject was barely adequate in performing his assigned tasks".

11 Oct 64 to 25 Apr 65
Subject considered proficient and described as cooperative and dependable.

1 Jul 63 to 30 Jun 64
Subject considered proficient - Remarks
"Subject has performed his duties in a competent manner".

Specific duty no 1 - "As Station cashier responsible for the daily receipt and disbursement of cash [Japanese yen] 04
U.S. dollars, MPC)"

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1 Jul 62 to 30 Jun 63
Subject considered proficient

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1 Apr 61 to 30 Jun 62
Proficient

27 May 60 to 31 Mar 61
Competent

1 Apr 59 to 31 Mar 60
Competent

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